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TALK OF RECALL INCREASES AS SIX MONTHS LIMIT NEARS

Mayor and Political Foes Threaten to Remove One to Four
Members of City Council

"Recall this one! Recall that one! Ah, shucks, let's recall all of them!"—It's in the air. Everywhere one goes about Torrance, there is talk of removing one or more members of the city council from office. It's the common topic of conversation on street corners and in drawing rooms.

From the so-called Citizens' League, remnant of the once lusty Klusman organization, comes the unofficial and unconfirmed threat to attempt to remove Councilmen Scott Ludlow, Joseph Wright and Earl Conner from office. The Klusmanites are reported to be holding secret meetings in the Central Garage, and it is said that no one is admitted without a "signed card" from His Honor, the mayor. The Klusman faction is reported to be opposed to Councilmen Ludlow and Wright because these two officials before election were endorsed by the Citizens' League and since election have not supported the mayor and his "program." The league is reported to be dissatisfied with Councilman Conner because he is "too much like members of the old council."

HOW TO RECALL

Important provisions of the Recall Act as passed by the state legislature in 1931, are given below:

"Section 1. The holder of any elective office, of any incorporated city or town may be removed or recalled at any time by the electors; provided he has held his office at least six months, and no other recall petition has been filed against him within a like period.

"Section 2. The procedure to effect such recall shall be as follows:

"A petition demanding the recall of the officer sought to be recalled shall be filed with the clerk of the legislative body of such city or town, which petition shall be signed by qualified electors equal in number to at least twenty-five per cent of the entire number of votes cast for the office which the incumbent sought to be removed occupies, at the last preceding regular municipal election at which such office was filled by election.

"For the purpose hereof, each seat on the legislative body shall be deemed a separate office. One petition and one election shall be sufficient for the recall of one or more officials.

"Section 3. Before submitting such a petition for signatures the proponents thereof shall publish a notice of intention so to do which notice must be accompanied by a printed statement not exceeding five hundred words in length of the reasons for the proposed recall. Said notice and statement shall be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation published in such city or town.

"A copy of said notice shall be served upon or sent to the officer sought to be recalled or anyone upon his behalf may publish in the same newspaper an answer to said statement, but such answer shall

TURN TO STORY ONE

After Recall, What?
Voters at the recall election may designate whether they wish any vacancies caused by the recall filled by appointment by the remaining members of the council, or by another city election; providing not more than two members of the council are recalled. If three or more councilmen are recalled, the governor of the state appoints an election committee, whose duty it becomes to receive nominations in the regular manner and to call and conduct another election for filling the vacancies.

New "Jitney" Bus Service Inaugurated

Connects Important Points Within Torrance at Uniform 5c Fare

A local Torrance "Jitney" bus service has been inaugurated by J. R. Vandegrift, connecting important points within the Torrance city limits and extending as far south as Chestnut street at Lomita. A uniform rate of 5 cents per passenger is charged.

The stage leaves the Pacific Electric depot on the hour at 9 a. m., 10 a. m., 11 a. m., 1 p. m., 4 p. m., and 5 p. m., making the circuit of the Columbia Street, Portola and Maricopa, Amapola, Torrance boulevard, Beach street, International Derrick, Cota and Carson, Torrance hospital, First National Bank, Torrance Pharmacy, Arlington and Carson, Elementary school, and thence to Narbonne and Chestnut street at Lomita, arriving 25 minutes after the hour.

Returning, the bus follows Narbonne, Arlington, Carson and Cabrillo, arriving at the P. E. depot at 25 minutes after the hour. The complete schedule is printed in an advertisement in this issue.

Operator Well Known
J. R. Vandegrift, operator of the bus, is well known in Torrance where he has lived for the past 10 years, formerly being associated with the Union Tool. Mr. Vandegrift intends to extend the service to the General Petroleum refinery and other points as soon as the traffic warrants and satisfactory schedules can be arranged.

The demand for a local Torrance bus service has long been felt in this community and it is hoped that local residents will patronize the line as much as possible so that more frequent service may be profitably established.

Call For Bids On Narbonne Addition Within One Month

Bids will be advertised for within the next month for the construction of a new \$84,000 addition to the Narbonne high school, according to William E. Record, business manager for the board of education.

The addition to the main building when completed will contain three classrooms, two art rooms, two music rooms, and a sewing room. Additions will also be made to the girls' shower and locker rooms, corrective and rest rooms.

Albert C. Martin, architect, drew the building plans.

Heavy Rains Drench Torrance District

Thunder, lightning and heavy rain, exceptionally heavy for the early season, visited this section during the storms of last week-end. At 15330 Western avenue a 2300-volt transformer belonging to the Southern California Edison Company was struck by lightning and badly damaged. The Gardena fire department was called to put out the fire.

Lomita was drenched with .42 inches of rain, a considerable quantity, but three points less than the figure reported at the Torrance high school meteorological department where the gauge registered .45 inches.

At the same date last year, Torrance had recorded .24 inches.

Public Invited to Democratic Smoker Saturday Evening

The public is invited to a Roosevelt-Garner smoker to be given Saturday evening this week at 8 o'clock in the new headquarters of the First Voters' Club, 1420 Cabrillo avenue. Charles J. Colden, candidate for congress in this district, will lead the discussion and pass out the cigars.

Smith-Stephaff Syn. Buys Huddleston Bldg

Smith-Stephaff Syndicate has purchased the store building at 1273 Sartori avenue, formerly owned by E. W. Huddleston. The consideration was approximately \$12,000, according to J. C. Smith of the Torrance Investment Company. The building has been leased to the Star Furniture Company of Inglewood, who will open a branch store here next week.

Tartar Football Captain and Tackle Is Seriously Injured

Herman Hamman, 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Eben Hamman, 1967 1/2 Plaza del Amo, was taken to the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital Tuesday night where an exploratory operation was performed to determine the extent of abdominal injuries received during a football game Tuesday afternoon.

Hamman, who is captain and left tackle of the Torrance Tartars, was finishing the fourth quarter of a practice game against Redondo Beach when he is said to have been kicked in the stomach. He continued in the game but after one or two plays, in which Coach Bernard Donahue noted that Hamman did not appear to be playing up to his standard he was called to the sidelines, and explained to Donahue that he had been hurt.

Hamman had been active in breaking up a number of plays for the Redondo team during the afternoon, and his removal from the line-up left the Torrance team considerably weakened.

He remained on the playing field until after the game, took his shower, and went home. According to the family he did not complain of illness until later in the evening, when he retired to the bedroom and lay down. Increasing pains and nausea developed, and a physician was called, who had the boy taken to the hospital.

It developed that his intestines were severely bruised and blood-shot, and his condition at present is considered serious. He will probably be confined to the hospital for several days and will be out of football for the season.

Reduced Gas Rates May Soon Be Ordered

Reduction of rates to patrons of the Southern California Gas Company was forecast today following action of the state railroad commission in ordering the gas company to show cause on October 11 why an immediate reduction should not be made.

General investigation of the company's rates was started some time ago in order to determine if the rates were excessive. The survey of the company's finances will extend over a period of several months and it is during this time that the proposed reduction would be in effect.

When Hoover Comes To Iowa

Editor, Booster-Express, Valley Junction, Iowa.

The chicken "promised" for each pot, And where it's gone, as like as not, Will be explained in some nice way— When Hoover comes to Iowa.

Likewise, the "gas for every tank," Another "promise" that was blank, Will bring ten thousand out to play— When Hoover comes to Iowa.

The "sanitary plumbing," too, The "rad-deo" for me and you; "Wash up," "tune in," and "listen," pray— When Hoover comes to Iowa.

"Pros-per-tee," of which you've heard, Another Hoover "wild goose" bird, Will hasten here from "far away"— When Hoover comes to Iowa.

The "dinner-pail," it will be full Of cheap baloney and "old bull," And shined up bright on that great day— When Hoover comes to Iowa.

And every farmer will know why His taxes are so goldarned high, And why so low his corn and hay— When Hoover comes to Iowa.

And all the banks that broke so flat We hardly knew where they were "at," Will open up, we humbly pray— When Hoover comes to Iowa.

And those who lost the dough they had, Because the banks turned out so bad, Will don their duds of best array— When Hoover comes to Iowa.

The man who has no coat to wear, The chap whose hands and feet are bare, The jobless guys, will shout, "Hur-ray!"— When Hoover comes to Iowa.

The unpaid bills, the mortgage sales, The bankrupt homes, the hungry walls, The shattered hopes, will not dismay— When Hoover comes to Iowa.

And breaking hearts and weary brains, And grief and tears and aches and pains: Forget them all, and let's be gay— When Hoover comes to Iowa.

Editor's Note: Dudley Reid, author of the above poem, is the editor of the Booster-Express, Valley Junction, Iowa. Mr. Reid was formerly a partner of Charles J. Colden in the newspaper business in Missouri. Editor Reid first published the above poem in his Valley Junction paper and sent a marked copy to his old friend, Charles Colden, who is a candidate for congress from this district, running as a progressive, liberal independent on the Democratic ticket.

TRUCK BOUGHT BRINGING LOAD OF POTATOES

Veterans' Relief Solves Problem of Transportation of Supplies

Purchase of a Moreland 6-wheel, 6-ton truck by the Veterans' Relief Association this week, will solve many transportation problems for this organization, according to Manager H. W. Beach, who announced that the truck would start this morning for Fresno with a load of 20 tons of oranges to be exchanged for 10 tons of potatoes. The Torrance truck will meet a truck coming from San Francisco at Fresno to exchange loads, and the return trip will be made at once, so that the local group expects to have their supply of potatoes on hand the first of next week.

The Veterans' Relief has been formally denied the use of army equipment for which they were negotiating, to equip the apple-picking crews with shelter tents and rolling kitchens. This makes it necessary now for the association to build their own ovens and supply other equipment to take care of the workers at Beaumont. An impossible condition required of the association before army property would be issued was refused on the part of the veterans, and the deal was declared off.

The cannal crew has completed 10,000 cans of pears, peaches and tomatoes. The dehydrating plant for drying apples was put into operation today, under a new plan which it is thought will prove very successful. Work done for the Dominguez Chemical Company brought a supply of 200 pounds of sulphur for the dehydrating work and under a careful system of management the cost of the equipment has been brought down to less than \$15, a saving of more than \$60 below the first estimated cost.

Officers for the management and records force have been moved from the El Prado location to the building formerly occupied by the Torrance Motor Company on Cravens avenue, where separate rooms for each department give more privacy and freedom from distractions. The work goes forward more rapidly and effectively in the new quarters.

Due to the generosity of city employees in donating a percentage of their salaries, the association is now provided for the time being with a moderate but fixed income which relieves a situation which has been a source of worry to the executive committee.

In this connection the association has a word to say to the many friends who have contributed to its success. In a letter, signed by Mr. Beach as representative of the organization, this gratitude is expressed as follows:

"We want to thank our many friends and donors to the cause. The list is so long that it would take a full column to enumerate them. They know in their happy hearts who we mean and we want them to know that we are more grateful than words can express. (Signed) 'V. R. A. of Torrance, 'By Beach'."

Cities of County Pay Large Sum For Collection Service

Various cities throughout the county, including Torrance, paid the county a total of \$49,099 for collection of their taxes during the fiscal year 1931-32, according to the annual report of H. A. Payne, county auditor, as filed with the board of supervisors today.

Various cities throughout the county also paid the county \$30,422 for feeding municipal prisoners in the county jail, the auditor's report disclosed.

The auditor reported \$5,812,973 paid into his office in tax redemptions on county property within the year.

Franchisees and special privileges granted by the board of supervisors brought the county \$111,262 last year.

State aid was received as follows: For the blind, aged and orphans, \$955,046; apportionment of school funds, \$10,444,791; county's portion of auto license fund, \$1,263,240; county's portion of gasoline tax fund, \$1,166,973; tuberculosis subsidy, \$112,706; motor bus and truck tax, \$211,762.

Forestry Dept. Will Landscape Center Grounds

Trees and Shrubs Transplanted to Beautify Local Building Site

Removal of trees and shrubs at the Torrance health center site was part of the work performed by the county forestry department during the fiscal year 1931-32, according to the annual report filed with the board of supervisors by Spence Turner, county forester. These trees and shrubs either will be transplanted about the new building when construction is completed, or more appropriate varieties will be substituted.

One of the largest pieces of work undertaken by the forestry department last year was in connection with Alondra Park, which was on the verge of going back to the bond holders several weeks ago, before surrounding property owners received county aid from the board of supervisors. The department was placed in full charge of the park last May.

Partial planting plans were completed and 5100 trees planted, Turner's report states. Some grading was done, grass and weeds were cut and 1500 feet of temporary water line was laid so that trees could be watered. Area of the park is 315 acres, just five acres less than a half section.

Fear Relatives Lost In Storm

LOMITA.—Grave fears are entertained here for the safety of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Anson, residents of Arvin, small settlement in the Tehachapi district which was swept away by a cloudburst last Friday. Mrs. Anson is a sister of Mrs. H. M. West, 3023 Poppy street. In spite of repeated efforts to communicate with the devastated district to learn whether their relatives are safe, Mr. and Mrs. West have been unable to get any information whatever as to their fate, and it is feared that both are lost.

Mr. and Mrs. Anson had gone from Arvin to Woodford, a short time before the storm, and this village was completely destroyed when the roaring torrent swept down upon it from the hills.

Mrs. Anson was postmistress at Arvin and her husband a railroad employe. The couple lost their only child several months ago when the little one accidentally swallowed a quantity of kerosene and died from the effects.

Mr. and Mrs. West expect to leave the latter part of the week to seek information at first hand in the destroyed district.

Woman Swallows Rhinestone Brooch

A playful pat on the back given by a friend caused Mrs. Margaret Keller, 523 Garner street, Redondo Beach, to lose—and recover—a rhinestone brooch over the week-end, and incidentally to be freed from a more or less unnecessary appendix.

Mrs. Keller was said to have been holding the brooch close to her mouth when the aforesaid pat was given and the results were somewhat startling as the brooch slipped out of her hand, into her throat and was swallowed, all in the space of a very few seconds. She was brought to the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital where on Monday an incision was made through which the brooch was recovered. And to make the job complete the surgeon in charge removed her appendix.

Fire Prevention Week to Be Observed

National Fire Prevention week, October 9-13, will be observed in Torrance under the direction of a committee picked from the Torrance fire department, with Assistant Fire Chief A. D. Stevenson, Ed Little and A. H. Bartlett as members.

Citizens of Torrance are asked to co-operate with the committee by cleaning up their premises, removing all fire hazards, such as trash accumulations, oily rags, old papers, weeds, and in this way prevent a blaze which might bring about a disastrous loss.

Speakers on fire prevention will be supplied to the schools and to all clubs which apply for their services.

FURNITURE CO. OPENS BRANCH AT TORRANCE

Prominent Inglewood Co. to Occupy Former Huddleston Store

FREE GIFTS FOR ALL Reception to Be Held Next Week Thursday; Opening Sale Starts October 14

Star Furniture Company, prominent retailers at Inglewood, will open a branch store in Torrance the latter part of next week in the store building formerly occupied by the Huddleston Furniture Company, 1273 Sartori avenue. It was announced this week by J. G. Koch, proprietor of the firm.

Gifts For All
A formal opening and reception will be held next Thursday evening, October 13, between 8 and 9 o'clock, at which time attractive gifts will be presented to all lady visitors. There will also be good cigars for gentlemen callers and balloons for the children, according to Mr. Koch. No goods will be sold Thursday evening, the reception being planned purely as a "get acquainted" function, and a cordial invitation is extended to all residents in this district to come and inspect the new store and its large stock of household furnishings.

Drum Corps Out
The American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps has been engaged to provide entertainment during the reception next Thursday evening.

Big Sale Friday
On Friday morning, October 14, the Star Furniture Company will launch a gigantic opening sale, and an elaborate array of spectacular values will be offered. Complete details of the Opening Sale will be given in the company's advertisement in next week's issue of the Torrance Herald.

Local Store Staff
H. M. Abramson, who has been associated with Mr. Koch in the Inglewood store, will be resident manager of the Torrance branch. Mr. and Mrs. Abramson plan to move to Torrance as soon as suitable arrangements can be made. Frank Higgins, former manager of the Torrance Theatre, has accepted a position with the Star Furniture Company and will assist Mr. Abramson at the Torrance store. Both Abramson and Higgins have been busy this week preparing for the sale reception and opening sale next week.

Convenient Credit
Star Furniture Company sells for cash or on convenient credit terms. The company finances all its own contracts, which enables it to offer patrons as liberal terms as any Los Angeles furniture store, Mr. Koch stated. It is also the policy of the company to mark every article carried in stock with plainly printed price tags, assuring the same prices to everyone, Mr. Koch said.

Nationally Known Goods
"We carry nothing but strictly dependable goods, and while our prices are very moderate, we never sacrifice quality for the sake of price," Mr. Koch stated. Among the nationally known brands of household furnishings which will be featured in the Torrance branch are: Karpen and Kroehler overstuffed furniture, Simmons beds, springs and mattresses, Armstrong linoleums, Magic Chef and O'Keefe & Merritt stoves, Gulistan and Sioane rugs, Heywood-Wakefield breakfast sets and children's furniture, as well as many other equally well-known makes recognized as standards of quality in their particular lines, Mr. Koch stated.

John M. Singer, Well Known Here, Dies In Gardena

John M. Singer, former stock keeper at Schultz & Beckham's Ford agency in Torrance, passed away Monday at his home in Gardena following a lingering illness. Funeral services were held in Gardena today, interment taking place at Roosevelt Memorial Park. The only immediate members of the deceased's family to survive him is his wife, but a host of friends in Torrance are left to mourn his passing. He was associated with the local Ford agency for nine years.

Flood Sends Locomotive Into Ravine



A huge locomotive was flipped into a ravine when flood waters swept through the Tehachapi mountains of Southern California after a cloudburst. Its engineer was killed and several itinerants were feared to have been drowned. These scenes show the locomotive and the section of tracks and bridge washed away by the flood.